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August 6, 1984

Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Several weeks ago, the CIA provided me an update paper on the Papal assassination attempt. It was basically a commentary on the key elements of the prosecutor's case. While the report was helpful to me, it did not express in any way what intelligence knows about the assassination attempt.

Inasmuch as there has been so much speculation in the news media about the assassination attempt, I would appreciate if you would provide me a detailed and in-depth assessment based on what the intelligence community knows, either independently or by way of liaison, on this matter to include some of the more controversial allegations that have been made in the media, such as Claire Sterling's analysis. I believe it is important that we at least have an understanding of what is in the realm of allegation and hypothesis and what it is that we know from intelligence.

I would appreciate it if this assessment could be provided by September 5, 1984.

Lee H. Hamilton Member of Congress